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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2012 SOAR Conference Room

Board Members present: Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, Co-Chair; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

Guests present: Megan Kennedy and Sid Peterson, Revelry Media
Seth Dostart, potential new board member

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates on their work.
The Board minutes from December were approved.

II. FEATURED PRESENTER: Megan Kennedy & Sid Peterson

Megan Kennedy and Sid Peterson, the producers of the film, “Put This on the Map” talked to the board about all the exciting things that have happened since the film was released. They get requests from all over the country to screen the film, and indeed Sid spent ten weeks travelling around the country showing the film at various film festivals. They reported that, even though the film was specific to the eastside of King County, it had relevant themes that people in other parts of the country could relate to. They have also been doing some training with local school and organizations. Their program “Reteaching Gender and Sexuality” continues to work with young people who are interested in new dialogue about these topics. They have made several short internet films, which have been able to include some youth who were not able to participate in making the film. They also talked about Quickball, a kickball tournament for LGBTQ youth and their friends and allies that drew in many participants. This event was partially funded by a mini-grant from the Community Organizing Program

III. BOARD BUSINESS

1. State Budget

The House budget was released that would reduce the biennial funding for Community Mobilization by 36% effective May 1, 2012. Ramona Leber, our state contract monitor, communicated that, if this were enacted into law, there would be about 6% less funding for the year ending June 30, 2012 (instead of 25% less under the Governor's proposal). Funding would be available for the 2012-13 contracts, but only at 64% of what we are currently contracted for (instead of zero funding under the Governor's proposal). This is only one of the budgets to be proposed. The Senate will put out their budget, and then the three budgets (Governor's, House's and Senate's) will need to be reconciled. Helena offered to send this information on to Harla Tumbleson with SOAR so that he can share it with his large advocacy network.

2. PRI Updates

Sharon reported that the County AOD program in conjunction with the Puget Sound ESD is putting out an RFA for the next phase of PRI implementation. This RFA targets coalition in the Federal Way, Highline, and Tukwila school districts.

3. Community Organizer Report

Laura gave her written and oral report on the coalitions she has been working with around the county.

Seth Dostart was voted in as a new board member.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 20
SOAR
801 – 23rd Ave S.
Seattle, WA
12:30-2:30